

# Public Shooting Grounds Waterfowl Management Area

## HISTORY

Public Shooting Grounds WMA is located north of the Great Salt Lake, approximately 11 miles west of the Corinne exit off I-15. The WMA was established in 1928 in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management to specifically manage for waterfowl. Public Shooting Grounds is 11,758 acres and serves as important nesting, resting, and feeding habitat for a variety of waterfowl and shorebird species. The WMA is reported as being the first area set aside for public hunting of waterfowl in the United States.

## HABITAT

Public Shooting Grounds WMA is a freshwater wetland complex consisting of uplands, mudflats, emergent marshes, and open water habitat.

## SPECIES

Species that are commonly harvested are American wigeon, mallard, and green-winged teal. Public Shooting Grounds also has several large impoundments that hold redheads and ruddy ducks in November.

## ACCESS

**Headquarters Office:** 8475 North 11600 West, Tremonton, UT 84337. Phone number is 435-854-3610.

**North Entrance:** accessed on 7200 North southwest of Salt Creek.

**South Entrances:** five accesses occur along SR-83 beginning approximately 8 miles west of Corinne.

Access on the area is allowed the Thursday prior to the youth waterfowl hunt and throughout

the waterfowl season.

Permission to enter the area outside of these dates must be requested from the area manager prior to entering the area.

## OTHER RULES

- No fishing is allowed (this includes bowfishing). Deer and dove hunting is not allowed.
- Motorized vehicle access is restricted to gravel roads and parking areas. Please do not block roadways.
- ATV and airboats are prohibited.
- Motorized and non-motorized conventional watercraft are allowed. Shallow draft motors are recommended as water depths are typically less than 18 inches. Deep water areas exist in borrow areas near most of the dikes.
- The Wigeon Unit is designated as non-motorized watercraft and walk-in access only. All forms of motorized watercraft are prohibited.
- Firearms are allowed only during the waterfowl hunting season and restricted to shotguns and archery equipment only. All other types of firearms are prohibited. Target and trap shooting are prohibited.
- Hunting and/or shooting is prohibited from graveled roads open to motorized vehicles. The east side of Pintail Lake hunting is only permitted in the five blinds reserved for hunters with disabilities. Parking for these blinds is located in the area by the old cabin. These blinds are wheelchair accessible and available on a first-come basis.
- The waterfowl rest area, Duck Lake, is located on the east side of the WMA and is closed to hunting and trespass.

- Only approved non-toxic shot is allowed on the Waterfowl Management Area. Lead shot is prohibited.

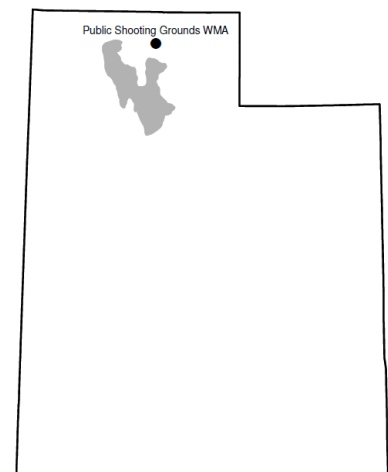
- Littering, including empty shotgun shells and boxes, is prohibited. Failure to remove litter will result in a citation.

- Only natural vegetation found on the management area may be used to construct blinds. Consult the guidebook for additional details on regulations regarding blind construction. Remember blinds are considered common property after installation and you cannot exclude others from using them.

- Overnight camping is permitted only in established parking lots. Open fires are allowed and permanent structures exist at many locations for your use. You are responsible for your fire and any damages.

- Trapping is restricted to special permit holders.

- Please consult the waterfowl guidebook for additional rules and regulations.



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